

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application. Claims 2-4, 6-15, and 20 have been amended. Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~1~~ 11, wherein the locking member comprises a finlike handle.
3. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~1~~ 11, wherein the locking member comprises an undulating grip.
4. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~1~~ 11, wherein the locking member comprises a skeletal handle.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~5~~ 11, wherein the locking member comprises a cavity grip cavity grip having an indentation approximating the shape of a human thumbprint.
7. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~5~~ 2, wherein the finlike handle is radially extends outward from approximately one longitudinal end of the locking member.

8. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 5 3, wherein the undulating grip comprises ten waves.
9. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 5 11, wherein the locking member comprises both a skeletal handle and an undulating grip.
10. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 5 11, wherein the locking member comprises both a finlike handle and an undulating grip.
11. (Currently amended) A luer fitting connector assembly ~~operable to interconnect a male luer fitting member and a female luer fitting member, the luer fitting connector assembly comprising:~~
 - ~~one of the~~ a male or female luer fitting members having a longitudinal axis and adapted for connection at a forward end thereof with a female or male luer fitting, respectively, ~~said one of the male or female luer fitting members~~ comprising a conical restraining surface, the conical restraining surface comprising a rim approximately orthogonal to ~~the~~ said longitudinal axis of ~~said one of the male or female luer fitting members; the luer fitting member~~ further comprising an annular surface approximately orthogonal to said longitudinal axis; and
 - a locking member comprising a hollow central lumen, an annular, inwardly protruding plateau shaped protrusion, and a body that extends axially beyond at least a portion of the conical restraining surface and toward ~~a proximal~~ the forward end of ~~said one of the male or~~

~~female luer fitting members when the locking member is mounted upon said~~
~~one of the male or female luer fitting members; wherein the locking member~~
~~can in assembly of the connector assembly be moved from a rearward end of~~
~~the luer fitting member toward the forward end thereof, with said protrusion~~
~~snapping over said conical restraining surface; and wherein said protuberance~~
~~is adapted in use of the connection to engage said annular surface as a positive~~
~~stop.~~

12. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 11 ~~wherein said~~
~~one of the male or female luer fitting members comprises an annular surface~~
~~approximately orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of a fluid flow conduit,~~ wherein the
annular surface uniformly mates with a corresponding annular surface of the plateau
shaped protrusion.
13. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 11 wherein the rim
uniformly mates with a corresponding annular surface of the plateau shaped
protrusion.

14. (Currently amended) A method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly comprising a locking member and a male or female luer fitting member, the method comprising:
- providing one of a male or female luer fitting members comprising a conical restraining surface, the conical restraining surface comprising a rim approximately orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of said one of the male or female luer fitting members and an annular surface approximately orthogonal to said longitudinal axis;
 - providing a locking member comprising a hollow central lumen, an annular, inwardly protruding plateau shaped protrusion, and a body that extends axially beyond at least a portion of the conical restraining surface and toward a ~~proximal~~ forward end of said one of the male or female luer fitting member when the locking member is mounted upon said one of the male or female luer fitting members; and
 - mounting the locking member upon said one of the male or female luer fitting members from ~~the~~ a rear of said one of the male or female luer fitting members, with said protrusion snapping over said conical restraining surface;
 - whereby the luer fitting connector assembly is assembled with said protuberance being adapted in use of the connection to engage said annular surface as a positive stop.

15. (Currently amended) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein ~~said one of the male or female luer fitting members further comprises an annular surface approximately orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of the fluid flow conduit,~~ the annular surface uniformly mates with a corresponding annular surface of the plateau shaped protrusion.
16. (Original) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the rim uniformly mates with a corresponding annular surface of the plateau shaped protrusion.
17. (Original) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the locking member comprises a finlike handle.
18. (Original) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the locking member comprises an undulating grip.
19. (Original) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the locking member comprises a skeletal handle.
20. (Currently amended) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the locking member is rotatably mounted upon said one of the male or female luer fitting members.